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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and looks forward to a Happy New Year, We had a fun time at our December meeting, A visit from Santa, a tableful of good food and a spirited Chinese gift exchange. Thanks to all who brought food.

Starting in January, our meeting will be held at the Handley Cultural Center, 3024 Forest. It is the 2 story red brick building on the corner of Forest and Church. Parking is available in the street, middle school and in the lot across the street. You can enter either at the front door or the side door on the south side of the building. Bob Taylor and I have moved all our supplies and they are stored in the locked pantry in the kitchen. Heating and air have been installed. There are multi tables and chairs and extra chairs if needed. It is great to now have a place of our own.

At our January meeting we plan on having a round table discussion regarding programs, how to improve membership and what the members would like for the Association to accomplish in the coming year. Please attend and express your views and opinions on what directions we should take in 2012.

The public meeting on the Handley Urban Streetscape project involving the commercial district on Lancaster was held. It involved parking islands, sidewalk reconstruction, and crosswalks on Handley Dr. and Lancaster. Plans are at 60% design and will be presented to TxDot for review. Estimated time of start is 2013. This project has been in the works for over 10 years. Hopefully this will finally be accomplished. Anne Allen, Program Manager, Ft. Worth Public Art, stated that at this time there is no money for the Handley area. However, ideas were presented on types of art that could be utilized in Handley. One idea was artist inspired benches that would reflex the history of Handley.

Our next meeting is January 9, 2012 at the Handley Cultural Center, 3024 Forest. A light meal at 6:30 P.M. with business starting at 7:00 P.M. Please attend and share your views on the future of our Association. Joann

Starting Tuesday, January 24th, Meals on Wheels route Eastside #2 needs a volunteer. This is the same route that I do on Wednesdays and Betty does on Fridays. All of the clients live in Handley and it takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete. Please consider donating 1 hour a week to this worthy cause. Call Debbie at 817-336-0912 if you can do this route. Joann Ehlers

Got a notice on a public hearing for an application to drill a gas well on Lancaster between Mims and Rosehill. It is the vacant lot where the trailer business was. The meeting is set for January10, 2012 at the City Council Chambers starting at 7pm. If any questions or comments please contact city staff at 817-392-2339. Joann



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TREASURER'S ISLAND



Hi- I hope everyone had a very "Merry Christmas" and will have a "Happy New Year". "Merry Ho Ho Ho" and a very "Happy Happy" and an abundance of good health, much happiness and joy in the New Year 2012.

My goodness, all the parties we have had and just about all of them have participated in the "Chinese Gift Exchange", which is a lot of fun. It does you good to get out once in awhile and kick up your heels and have a good time with family and friends.

I got to attend the Johnny High's Christmas Show for the first time and was it ever great. Thanks to Alton Anderson and his family for inviting me. The stage settings were beautifully decorated with Christmas Trees all aglow and the entertainment was fabulous.

The week before Christmas was the week we got to take our Meals on Wheels clients their Santa Clause goodie bags. Thanks to Handley Code Blue and Handley Neighborhood Association Jody & I were able to get lots of items for the gift bags. I took brownies to one of my people and I took a dog to another client. In fact I took 4 puppies to the couple. They will find good homes for two of them. When I went to deliver the food the woman came out and got her husband to catch one of the puppies--she handed it to me and said this is your Christmas present. When I left and got about 3 blocks away I thought Betty, where is your head? I already have 3 dogs. What were you thinking? The little thing got car sick or nerv-

ous one an ended up pooping on me. When I got to another home delivering food the man saw the puppy in my car and said, "we have been wanting another dog like that." I looked at him and said, "Ya want this one?" He wanted to go ask his wife--I picked up the puppy real quick & followed him and when she held the puppy she fell in love with it. Thank heavens I lucked out there. They are darling puppies. I don't know how many trips I went back and forth to catch them. They kept running under the house. They were in pretty bad surroundings--dirty filthy yard and half the time if they had water it was dirty. I couldn't stand to see them being neglected. They are well cared for now.

We had our Handley Code Blue Christmas Party at the Handley Station Cafe. The food was delicious and the service excellent. Yes ,we played the Chinese Gift Exchange and had a good time. Brad, Ray and Freddie out did themselves.

I attended Tony Blauvelt's Christmas Lunch celebration, which was lovely as usual. Tony is with Edward Jones. We would like to extend to Tony and his family our thoughts, prayers, love and sympathy in the passing of Tony's lovely wife, Janelle. She was a marvelous woman, never complaining and always smiling. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Code Blue is having saturation details every Thursday. There are a lot of thefts going on, especially this time of year around Christmas. Someone is always out there wanting something for nothing. One of my neighbors on Handley

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Drive had her 3 spiral Christmas Trees she had just bought stolen out of her front yard in broad open daylight. It seems as though a red pick-up truck was involved. Keep your eyes open not only for your treasures, but be on the lookout for your neighbors items as well. Be aware of your surroundings at all times and keep your doors locked.

The renovation of Smitty's little church is well under way. **It's really going to be neat, when it's finished.** We will all get to enjoy it once again.

Our January HNA meeting will take place in the Handley Cultural Center on Forest across the street from the fire department.

We are still selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt Jody Hughes donated. The proceeds go toward the clock for Handley. The tickets are just \$1.00 each and you don't have to be present to win. Where else can you maybe win a quilt just for \$1.00 a chance? You can get tickets at the Handley Antique Mall and Handley Station Cafe.

Bill Ryan at the Weiler House Gallery had a fantastic success with the silent auction of pictures he had on display and the proceeds are to go to the "Clock" fund. He still has some pictures left you can bid on. They would make lovely gifts. Go by and see Bill and the pictures. Thank you Bill for supporting us in helping to get us a new clock for our area.

On New Year's Day Brad at the Handley Station Cafe will be serving Black Eyed Peas & Cornbread. Go by and have a cup or bowl of peas and get you some luck for the New Year 2012.

Remember, if you have not paid your dues by our February issue of our Newsletter, you will not get

one for February either by snail mail or e-mail. It's just \$12.00 a year.

I must tell you about "Bo" the battled scarred warrior dog on Bryan Street. Jane from Jane's Secret Pace called me the other day to tell me that "Bo" had been hit by a car as well as a pack of dogs attacking him. He was bloody from one end to the other when Jane & Jim happened to come by and find him. Jane called the police women who look after him when they are not in the shop. They came and took him to her vet. He was pretty mangled, but the vet managed to sew him up--he still may lose his tail, but otherwise he is a strong old bird and he is going to make it. The vet bill was over \$1000.00, but "Bo" is such an icon on Bryan Street that some of the business owners up & down the street all kicked in and paid the bill. I went to see him when Jane had her open house, but "Bo" was staying three days with the police officer and she was to return him to Jane's on her way to work on Monday. I took him lots of treats. One of the businesses down the street will keep him at night in their garage and he will go back in the mornings to spend the days in a big fluffy bed in the office at Jane's. He is quite the dog, but a lovable old hound.

Dates to remember: CAC 1st Monday of January 2012 Jan 2nd;
HNA January 9th; Handley High School Alumni Jan 11th in Arlington; Eastside Ministries Board Meeting Thursday Jan. 12th at Eastern Hills UMC; Handley Code Blue January 16th & the Captains Meeting in January We continue to collect food & clothes for Eastside Ministries.

Please remember our sick & bereaved members in your thoughts and prayers.
Until next time, take care. Betty Coomer

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The Story of Fort Worth from Outpost to Metropolis

FORT WORTH FROM OUTPOST

In 1840, four years after the Battle of San Jacinto and Texas Independence, these Indians still roamed at will from the mountains of New Mexico to the black lands of East Texas. Where for years they had pillaged and destroyed other Indian settlements, they now raided the farms and villages of the settlers.

The new Republic of Texas government tried to control the raids, first by organizing the Texas Rangers and later by sending out a small frontier "army." But when Texas joined the union in 1846 as the twenty-eighth state, the Comanche were still largely unchecked. The United States was asked for help and responded quickly by sending soldiers to Texas to set up a series of outposts. One group of twenty-five privates under the command of Brevet Major Ripley Arnold was sent to the small settlement known as Johnson Station, about twenty miles west of Dallas.

On June 6, 1849, Arnold and his men rode west to explore the land along the Trinity River. That night, they made camp in a grove of cottonwood trees along the river. Major Arnold named the site Camp Worth in honor of Major General William Jenkins Worth, his commander during the Mexican War and head of the army operations in Texas and New Mexico.

Because the location seemed ideal, a permanent fort was built. The site Arnold chose was a bluff overlooking the spot where the Clear Fork and West Fork of the Trinity met to form a single stream. On November 14, 1849, Arnold named the outpost Fort Worth, and this is now generally accepted as the date of the founding of the city. In early 1850, Arnold and his men moved into the newly constructed fort. Two years later, Arnold was killed in a brawl with another soldier. He is buried in Pioneer's Rest Cemetery on Samuels Avenue, about a quarter of a mile from the site of the original fort.

By the time the soldiers moved into Fort Worth, the state legislature had designated the area around it as Tarrant County, named for General E.H. Tarrant, one-time commander of Texas frontier army and a former member of the Congress of the Republic of Texas. The county--seat and closest settlement ---was at Bird's Fort, later known as Birdville, seven miles east of Fort Worth. Except for Bird's Fort and Johnson Station, the nearest town was thirty miles to the east. It was called Dallas and had a population of 430 residents.

The troops at Fort Worth and other new Army posts were very effective in fighting the Comanche. By

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1853, the soldiers had forced the Indians to withdraw to the north and west. As Indian raids died down, more settlers moved into the area. Finally, on September 17, the army abandoned Fort Worth and moved the troops northwest to follow the retreating Indians.

Merchants moved into the abandoned fort buildings and set up businesses. The structure that had served as a cavalry stable was turned into a hotel, and a store was opened in the old fort commissary.

Continued in the February newsletter. Betty Coomer

AUNT JEMIMA

Rosie Lee Moore

Last "real" Aunt Jemima for the Quaker Oats Company 1950 to 1967

The legend of Aunt Jemima began in fact, before the Civil War, in rural Louisiana. She was a cook on a plantation owned by Colonel Higbee, and was well-loved for her fluffy pancakes. After the war, a northern flour mill heard about her concoction, and bought the rights to make a ready-made mix of pancake flour. Aunt Jemima went along to promote the new product, and the Aunt Jemima we know, was born.

Over the years, several women played the part of Aunt Jemima for the Quaker Oats Company, but the last "real" woman was Rosie Lee Moore, from Robertson County, Texas. Born nine miles outside of Hearne, Rosie still has family in the area, and is herself, buried at the Hammond Colony Cemetery northeast of Hearne.

After a failed marriage, Rosie left Robertson County while in her twenties, moving to Oklahoma, where she remarried and took a job with the Quaker Oats Company. While working in the advertising department, she was "discovered," taking over the role of Aunt Jemima. She toured the country promoting the Quaker Oats Company, returning to Hearne for family Christmas

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This was put out by the Hearne Chamber of Commerce--Betty Coomer

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January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013
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Your dues are due for 2012. Our dues run from January to January of each year and are only \$12.00 a year. For this \$12.00, you receive our newsy-gossipy Handley Neighborhood Newsletter, "Handley Happenings" once a month. If you attend our meetings you always get something to eat or drink-usually both and at Christmas time HNA furnishes the meat for our Christmas party, as well as the drinks and other goodies.

We have door prizes at most meetings and also have guest speakers, who keep us up to date on happenings in our area. Where else could you get all of these benefits for just \$12.00 a year? Remember, to be able to vote, your dues must be paid current. Please help us save money on printing & stamps, by sending your dues in now. Your dues also help pay for the printing and postage of our newsletter every month.

Thank you,

Betty Allene Coomer

Betty Allene Coomer, Treasurer

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